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In Reply Refer To: 2911/IDI-0-10307, IDI-0-10310, IDI-0-10311 (IDT030) **P**

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Dear Interested Parties;

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Shoshone Field Office has received a request from the Idaho Transportation Department, Division of Aeronautics to renew three existing leases for remote area landing strips. Two of the landing strips lie within the boundary of the BLM's Craters of the Moon National Monument. The landing strips were originally developed as authorized through a special land use permit in 1950. In 1959 the landing strips were authorized under a long term public works lease. These leases were recorded under the case file numbers IDI-0-10307, IDI-0-10310, and IDI-0-10311. Each lease was subsequently amended to adjust the acreage in 1963 and renewed in 1993. Each lease grants the Division of Aeronautics the exclusive right for maintaining the landing strips on the lands described and as provided within the terms and conditions of the lease.

All three landing strips lie within Priority Habitat/Sagebrush Focal Area or Important Habitat as defined in the Approved Idaho and Southwestern Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment.

Each of the landing strips has essentially remained unchanged in its use and characteristics since its original development. The landing strips are grass runways used primarily for emergency purposes, with minor amounts of use occurring from federal and state agencies and some occasional recreation uses. The Division of Aeronautics proposes to continue to utilize the landing strips for the same purpose and to maintain them as they have in the past. Maintenance of the landing strips consists of seasonal mowing, herbicide application (only as needed), rodent control, and maintaining the rock markers that outline the landing strips.

The lease areas, as proposed, would be located on a portion of public land in Blaine County and Lincoln County described as:

IDI-0-10307, Bear Trap Landing Strip Boise Meridian, Idaho T. 5 S., R. 27 E., sec. 19, NE¼ and SE¼NW¼.

IDI-0-10310, Hollow Top Landing Strip

Boise Meridian, Idaho T. 1 S., R. 24 E., sec. 22, S½SW¼NW¼, S½N½SE¼NW¼, N½S½SE¼NW¼.

IDI-0-10311, Laidlaw Corral Landing Strip Boise Meridian, Idaho T. 4 S., R. 23 E., sec. 32, S½N½NE¾NE¾; sec. 33, S½N½NW¾NW¾.

Maps of the proposed lease renewals are enclosed for your reference.

Please advise this office by May 5, 2016 if you have any comments and/or would like to receive future information concerning the proposed right-of-way renewal. In all correspondence please refer to Division of Aeronautics Lease Renewals. If you need additional information, please contact Kasey Prestwich, Realty Specialist at the above address, at (208) 732-7204, or via email at kprestwich@blm.gov.

Sincerely

Codie Martin Field Manager

Enclosure:

Location Maps (3 pp)

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T. 5S, R. 27E, B.M. Sec. 19: NE, SWNW.

Aiport Lease Renewal - Bear Trap

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Forest Service

Private; other

National Park Service

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
State of Idaho
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Shoshone Field Office



National Monument

Town Range Line





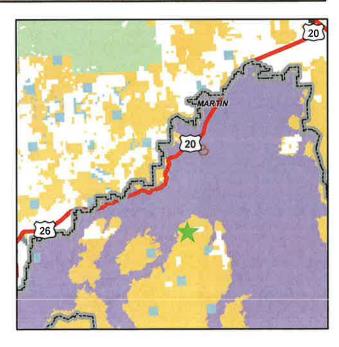
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T. 1S, R. 24E, B,M, Sec. 22: S2NW

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Aiport Lease Renewal - Laidlaw Corral

T. 4S, R, 23E, B.M. Sec. 32: NENE; Sec. 33: NWNW.

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